(d) the status of the issue; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the decision of NHAI to revoke all such decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Land has been acquired at Singavaram near Eluru on Vijayawada-Rajahmundry section of NH-5 for developing of a comprehensive rest area.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up Nodal Department of Transport in States

†1141. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has issued any guidelines to States for setting up Nodal Department for the development of transport;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the State Governments on the above guidelines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Road Transport falls under the purview of the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to take appropriate steps for development of this sector. Thus, there is no need for issuance of any guidelines for setting up Nodal Department for the development of transport.

Approval of NH Projects from States

1142. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry prepares a list of National Highway (NH) projects periodically and gets approvals from States in one go as the present practice of project-wise approvals has not helped in completing the projects;

(b) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(c) whether this proposal is expected to ease land acquisition problems often faced by private concessionaries in highway construction work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.